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## **PHYSICIAN ON SCENE**

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### **PURPOSE**

To establish criteria for an EMT-Paramedic during situations in which a physician is physically present on the scene of a medical or trauma emergency.

### **AUTHORITY**

Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, section 100147 and Article 8, section 100175 of the California Code of Regulations

### **POLICY**

Medical responsibility for patient care is the responsibility of the Base Hospital Physician. Within the ICEMA Region an EMT-P may only follow orders given by the Base Hospital Physician or designee (MICN)

### **PROCEDURE**

There may be occasions when an EMT-P arrives at the scene of a medical or a trauma emergency, and a physician is also on scene or may arrive on scene. If this physician wishes to direct the care of the patient as well as assume medical responsibility for the patient, the physician must agree to the following conditions

1. The physician must be informed that Base Hospital contact must be made and the final decision regarding the assumption of medical responsibility for patient care will be made by the Base Hospital physician.
2. The physician must show proper identification and a current California physician's license.
3. The physician must agree to sign a written statement assuming responsibility for the patient's care. This statement is on the back of the first copy of the Standard Run Report Form and may be signed either on scene or in the receiving facility's Emergency Department.
4. The physician must remain with the patient at the scene and during transport to the receiving facility. Care of the patient may be transferred to a physician at the receiving facility after the ambulance arrives.

If the above conditions are agreed to, a physician on scene may assume the responsibility for patient care.

### **EMT-P RESPONSIBILITIES**

The EMT-P has the following responsibilities in the event that a physician is on the scene of a medical or trauma emergency.

1. Maintain Base Hospital contact
2. Maintain the control of drugs and equipment from the ALS unit. Inform the physician of drug and equipment available on the ALS unit
3. Offer assistance to the physician on scene. The EMT-P may perform any procedures that are within the ICEMA scope of practice
4. Document on O1A Form all necessary information and obtain physician signature